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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: TV White Spaces Proceeding, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 18, 2007, on behalf of the White Spaces Coalition,¹ Kiran Challapali and Gene Turkenich of Philips along with the undersigned submitted a prototype spectrum sensing device to the FCC Laboratory for testing. We also met with Rashmi Doshi, Steven Jones, and Steven Martin of the Office of Engineering and Technology to provide instruction on the operation of the device. Finally, we provided OET staff with the prototype presentation attached hereto.

Like the personal/portable prototype devices previously submitted by Microsoft on the Coalition's behalf, the Philips prototype is designed to demonstrate that operating parameters set forth by the Coalition in the above-referenced dockets will provide incumbent licensees in the television bands with the interference protection to which they are entitled. Specifically, the Philips prototype successfully locates analog and digital television signals as well as wireless microphone signals using a detection threshold of -114 dBm.

As the Commission is aware, Philips is one of the largest manufacturers of plasma and LCD digital televisions in the United States and a leader in television research and development. Philips' own testing indicates that the operating parameters proposed by the Coalition are more than sufficient to protect incumbent broadcast and other licensees, and Philips anticipates confirmation of these test results by OET.

¹ The White Space Coalition's members include Dell, Inc., EarthLink, Inc., Google, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co., Intel Corp., Microsoft Corp., and Philips Electronics North America Corp.

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If you require any additional information please contact the undersigned at (202) 730-1305.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmond J. Thomas", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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Senior Technology Policy Advisor

cc: Julius Knapp
meeting participants



Philips sensing prototype

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May 18, 2007

Philips Sensor Team

- Vasanth Gaddam
- Monisha Ghosh
- Gene Turkenich
- Kiran Challapali (Project Leader)

The Philips sensing prototype

- A prototype sensing device that can
 - scan UHF channels (21-51),
 - detect ATSC, NTSC, or wireless microphones signals, if present,
 - down to -114dBm signal strength within a 6 MHz TV channel.
 - Philips has conducted its own testing to verify the above.
- The prototype consists of
 - a Philips TV tuner
 - for tuning to a specified TV channel and translating to IF frequency,
 - a digital processing board
 - for A/D and processing, and,
 - a computer
 - for user-interface, control and processing.

Operating the prototype

The user interface has three regions:

The screenshot shows a software window titled "sensor_module_gui" with a blue title bar. The main content area has a light beige background and is divided into three main sections:

- Control the sensing module:** Located on the left, it contains two sub-sections. "1. Source Selection" has a dropdown menu set to "NTSC". "2. Channel Selection" includes a "Scan UHF channels 21-51" button, a "Start" button, a "Stop" button, and a text field "Alternatively, pick a channel" with a value of "25".
- Status of the sensing module:** Located on the right, it shows "Current channel" as "25". Below this is a horizontal bar chart with markers at 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, and 51. A red vertical bar is at position 25. Below the chart is a text box that says "Scanning done." with up and down arrow buttons.
- Results of sensing:** Located at the bottom, it features a text box stating "NTSC detected on 25". Below this is a long horizontal bar chart with markers for every channel from 21 to 51. A red vertical bar is at channel 25. To the right of the chart is a legend: a blue square for "ATSC", a green square for "W. Mic.", and a red square for "NTSC".

Three arrows point from external text labels to these sections: "Control the sensing module" points to the left section, "Status of the sensing module" points to the right section, and "Results from the sensing module" points to the bottom section.

UI: Control the sensing module

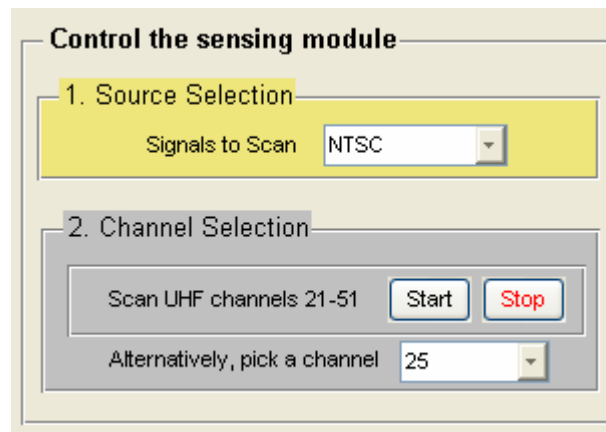
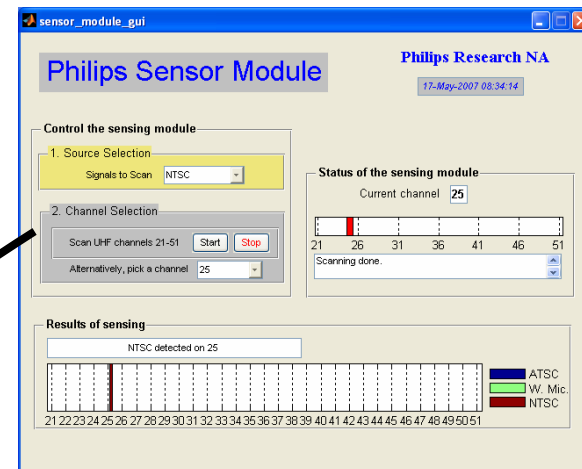
- Both source and channel must be selected to detect the presence of an incumbent

1. Source selection:

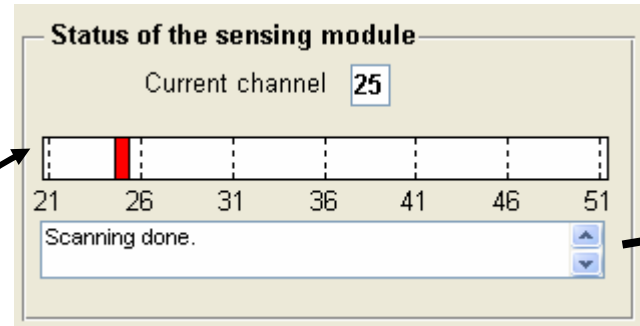
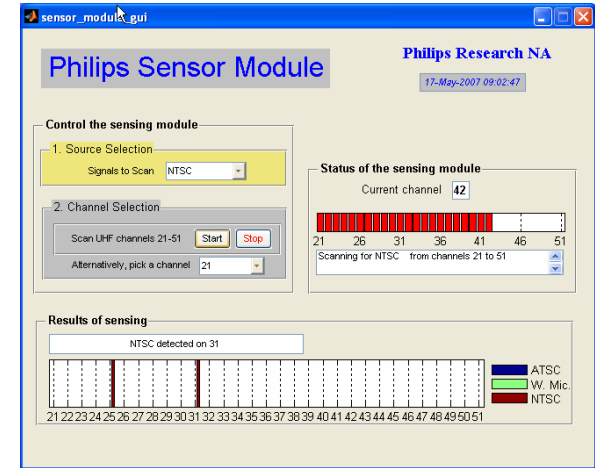
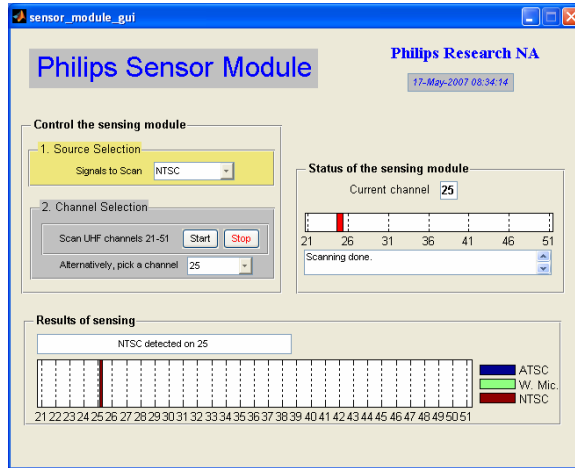
- From the pull down menu, select ATSC, NTSC, wireless microphone or All.

2. Channel selection: There are two options:

- Scan all channels with start/stop pushdown buttons
- Alternatively, pick a channel to scan from pull down menu

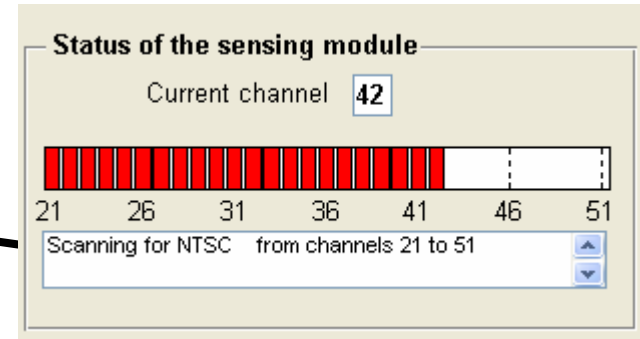


UI: Status of the sensing module



- Indicates the sensing operation being performed

- Also indicates when sensing is completed/done.

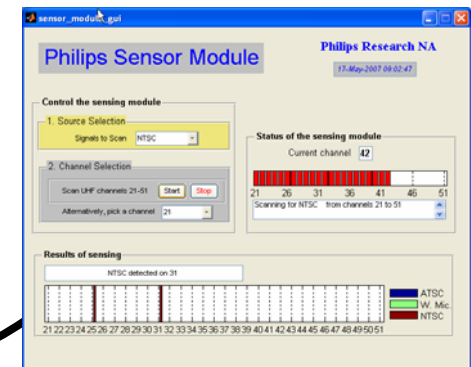
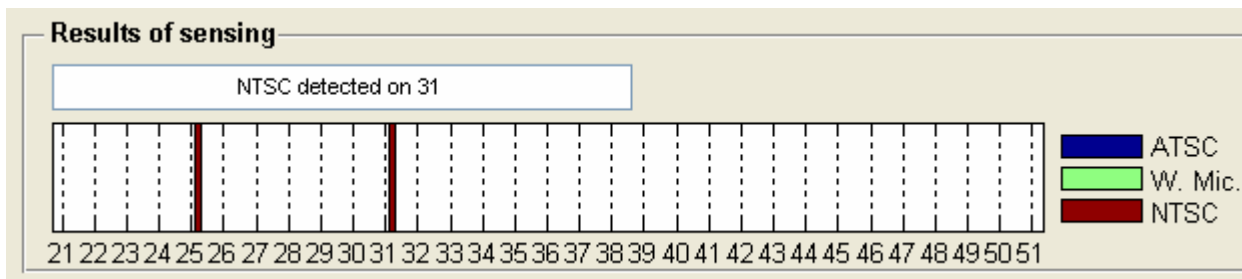
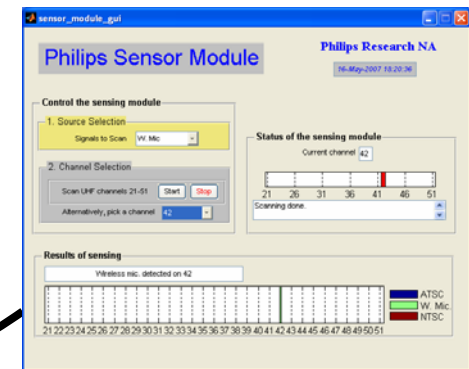
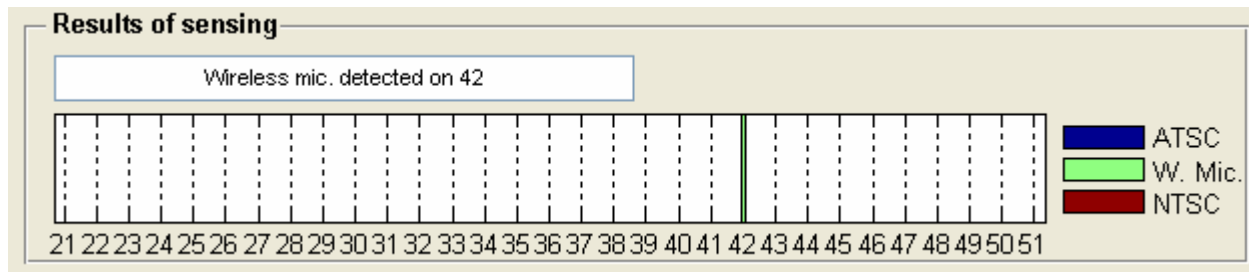


Scanning mode

Shows tuner channel

UI: Results from the sensing module

- Display results: textually and graphically.



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